

VETERINARY MEDICINE CONTRACT PROGRAM

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Access is provided to veterinary medicine training programs by means of a contract with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) since Kentucky does not have a college of veterinary medicine. Kentucky currently contracts for 36 entering spaces in Alabama veterinary medicine colleges: 34 spaces at Auburn University and 2 spaces at Tuskegee University.

These spaces are reserved for Kentucky residents who compete for admission to a program under the Kentucky quota. Attendance at a non-Kentucky undergraduate college or university does not disqualify a Kentucky resident from participation in the contract program. Students admitted under this contract are charged in-state fees at Auburn or reduced fees at Tuskegee; each student is responsible for paying his/her fees. In addition to these student fees, Kentucky pays a "contract fee" for each qualified student to the veterinary college. To qualify, the student must be certified as a Kentucky resident and must be admitted by either Auburn or Tuskegee. Students are supported for a total of four years and generally graduate at the end of four years. The student does not have an obligation to Kentucky under the contract program.

To compete for admission, a student must meet the pre-veterinary requirements. In addition to specific courses, each veterinary college has grade point average requirements. Kentucky public universities and several private colleges and universities within the state have pre-vet advisors who are available to work with students (whether a student attends their college or not) to ensure that students take the appropriate undergraduate coursework and are aware of grade point average requirements.

Auburn: Students apply through a pre-vet advisor or through the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS). Auburn applications are available from pre-vet advisors. Kentucky applicants must return Auburn applications to their Kentucky pre-vet advisor no later than October 1. Check with the pre-vet advisor for possible earlier institutional filing deadlines.

VMCAS: Application deadline is October 1. Applications may be obtained from Auburn or electronically at <http://www.aavmc.org/vmcas.htm> and are returned directly to VMCAS.

Tuskegee: Applications may be obtained from a pre-vet advisor or from the college. The first Monday in December is Tuskegee's application deadline. Applications are returned directly to Tuskegee. Tuskegee does not accept applications through VMCAS.

Application for Residency Classification: Forms may be obtained from and should be returned to a pre-vet advisor at Kentucky's public universities or, for students attending private or out-of-state colleges or universities, from the Program Coordinator, Council on Postsecondary Education.

For more information about the contract program, contact the Program Coordinator listed below. For more information about the colleges, contact your pre-vet advisor or the respective university.

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